

REMARKS

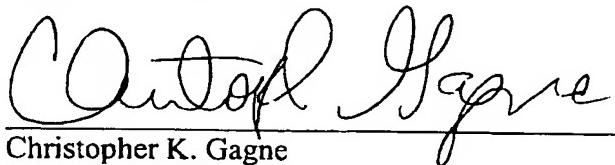
The Claims have been amended to further scope the claimed subject matter from that claimed in the parent of the subject continuation application. No prosecution history estoppel results from these claim amendments because this is a continuation application and these amendments are being made to clarify the claimed subject matter that is being pursued in this continuation application. It is believed that the claims, as amended, are patentable over the prior art cited in the parent.

It is respectfully requested that this Preliminary Amendment be entered prior to examination of the subject application. It is also respectfully requested that the Examiner consider and make of record in the subject application the prior art made of record in the parent.

In the event that the Examiner deems personal contact desirable in the further disposition of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at 508-865-4168.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges occasioned by this submission to Deposit Account number 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,



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